

Testimony of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board held at the Town Office Building, 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, NY, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:03 pm.

PRESENT:

Members present: L. Miller  
L. Cicciarelli  
S. McLain  
A. Elwood  
T. Crowley  
S. Forster

Others present: Marina Lane  
Alan Pope  
Clinton Stratton  
Rich Procanik  
Kurt Ricker  
Carl Guy  
Joe DeGennaro  
Brett Noonan  
Matt Kerwin  
Ray Serowik  
Wes Miga  
Maureen Adams  
Lori Maron  
Joe Calleo  
Bonnie Brown  
Alberto Paolini

MS. MILLER: We will open the Public Hearing for Auto Sales and I will read the public hearing notice.

The Town of Union Planning Board will conduct a public hearing relative to an application by GreenbergFarrow, on behalf of Home Depot U.S.A. INC., for a special permit to rent vehicles from the existing multi-tenant retail property in a General Commercial zoning district, located at 778-780 Main Street (property tax map # 142.16-1-1). The rental vehicles are Penske moving trucks, of which approximately ten would be temporarily parked in existing parking spaces on an as-needed basis.

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Town Board Meeting Room on the second floor of the Town of Union Office Building

located at 3111 East Main Street, Endwell, New York. The application is available for review in the Town of Union Planning Department (at the address listed above) during normal business hours (8 AM to 4PM).

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations may contact the Planning Department at 607 786-2985 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing. – Paul A. Nelson, Secretary

MS. LANE: Would anyone like to give a presentation about the project?

MR. PROCANIK: Good evening; my name is Richard Procanik and this is Clinton, the store manager at Home Depot. We are here this evening to represent the application where we are requesting a Special Permit for the renting of motor vehicles at the Home Depot. Therefore, under this application, we are proposing to restripe ten existing parking spaces to be identified as Penske parking essentially. The location of the parking lot is on the northwesterly corner and placed outside of easements. In case there are any kind of emergency maintenance needed, it will not disrupt the placement of the vehicles on the site. We also kept in mind the typical average customer walking in and out of the site, and obviously, we do not want to disturb them because that is Home Depot's main priority. We are just a supplemental service that Home Depot would like to provide and this location is just for that use.

MS. LANE: And perhaps you could mention that we just did rearrange that?

MR. PROCANIK: That is a good point, thank you. So, yesterday morning it was brought to our attention that it might be preferable if we moved these ten parking spaces further west. I think we went over three or four rows from the original location. This is a new revised plan that we submitted as a PDF to Ms. Lane, and I am sure that we will be submitting formal copies after the meeting.

So, one thing I would like to touch on is the typical operations of the Penske program. Reservations will be made online or via phone through Penske, and this location is essentially just to pick up the vehicle and actually pay inside at the customer service desk. It is the intent to have only vehicles on site from Penske that have executed rental agreements in place, with the exception of one additional truck on the site just in case a walk-in occurs, because we don't want to lose a customer. The maintenance, refueling, and tires will not happen on site; the vehicles will be taken to the closest Penske facility. Nothing will be done on site at Home Depot; everything will be taken off site. The trucks that will be rented out of here will be in

the range of twelve to twenty-six feet in length and you will not need a CDL license. Anyone could rent them with just a typical license. That is all I have. Do you have any questions?

MR. CROWLEY: Are the trucks going to be longer than the parking spots?

MR. PROCANIK: Some of them might be, yes.

MR. CROWLEY: What happens in that case?

MR. PROCANIK: Nothing will exceed the two-space parking, so they would just encompass both eighteen-foot spots for thirty-six. There are only going to be vehicles parked here that have an executed rental, so they won't be here for more than twenty-four hours or so.

MS. LANE: And just to explain the relocation of the parking spaces... Having just had to buy a new lawn mower, I was thinking about the parking lot as I drove through it, and people tend to drive just a little bit in a beeline toward the curb cuts. And so I felt that the original location was a little close to that, and might actually block some of the visibility for people who were driving as I do. Also in speaking with Clinton, he mentioned that they prefer it a little further to the west as it is now because it is more in line-of-sight of their rental counter. So that is why we decided to move it over a little bit. I felt that whenever I go by, they were kind of naturally parked over there anyway, most of the time.

MS. MILLER: And the rental counter is inside the store?

MR. STRATTON: Yes. At our service desk, so that when you walk in the main entrance, it is just on this side. So when the trucks are out here, these associates who had to perform duties on them had further to walk; so now it's pretty much a straight shot out.

MS. MILLER: Would anyone in the audience like to ask any questions on this project? Do the Planning Board members have any questions? Okay, then we will close the Public Hearing.

Meeting concluded: 7:10 pm.

I, CAROL M. KRAWCZYK, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of a Public Hearing of the Town of Union Planning Board is a true, accurate, and complete transcript of my stenographic notes/tape taken at the above time and place.

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CAROL M. KRAWCZYK